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PROGRAM PRODUCT CONFIGURED TO
PROVIDE OUTPUT IMAGE ADJUSTMENT
OF AN IMAGE FILE

Group Art Unit: 2625

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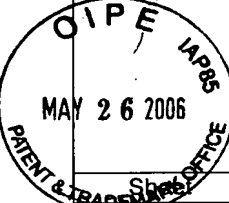
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